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LB 1189

discussion of the Schimek amendment? Seeing none, Senator Schimek to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Schimek amendment to LB 1189. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Schimek amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Coordsen would move to amend the bill. (See AM4114 to LB 1189 on page 1561 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen to open on his amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body. I would direct your attention to a handout that's on your desk and it looks something like this for those of you that have enough vision this time of night to be able to see the top of your desk, because all the amendment will say that it's requesting an increase in that fund of \$79,685. This is a prospective request. We have spent a number of hours trying to estimate what the cost of Chamber automation would be, and I would share with you that the Exec Board has not made a final decision on whether to proceed or not with Chamber automation. But in looking at the savings that have accumulated within the Legislative Council's budget, it appeared to us that were we to be able to secure the funding of this amount for the items that you have here, it is apparent that should the Exec Board decide to go ahead with Chamber automation, that the rest of the money would be available within the budget from various sources. You would ask me a question of what I think the whole thing is going to cost, I would tell you that I really don't know. I can give you a ball park figure because until we send out a request for purchase, the only figure that we are able to get on the laptops is full list price, and not any discounted price. But by best guess estimates, the total cost including this amount would be in the neighborhood between more than 300 and less than 350 thousand dollars, but that is not a guarantee. That's not a guarantee. We think that's where it will be. But this request is for the hardware plus...this amount of hardware, and this is fundamentally a server on top and then the rest of the items on